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(b) whether the toll-gate on the Alur Goods Shed road is situated on the road within the local fund limits or on property belonging to the railway authorities;

(c) if the toll-gate is situated on the railway land, the authority under which the toll-gate is established on private land and tolls are levied there; and

(d) if the two gates are gates independent of each other and situated on entirely different roads, why, in the latest sale notification published in the supplement to the *Anantapur Gazette*, dated 5th February 1925, they are described as situated at 0.2 and 0.5 furlongs of Alur-Guntakal road?

A.—(a) The length of the Alur Goods Shed road is 5 furlongs and that of the Kasapuram road, 3 miles.

(b) & (c) There is no toll-gate on the Alur Goods Shed road, but there is one at the fifth furlong of the Alur-Guntakal Feeder road where a vanka crosses it. The road up to this crossing belongs to the local board and beyond it to the railway company. The Government understand that the toll-gate was first fixed near the vanka on the local fund side of the road but that in July 1924 for convenience sake it was removed to the railway side of the vanka under a misapprehension that that side also belonged to the local board. The toll-gate was again moved to a local board road in April 1926.

(d) The president states that in the notification referred to the sites of the toll-gates were wrongly described and that the mistake was rectified at the time of the sale. One gate is on the Alur-Guntakal Feeder road and the other on the Kasapuram road.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“With reference to the answer to clause (a) that the Alur Good Shed road is only 5 furlongs, may I know whether Government are satisfied as to the location of a main toll-gate in that road?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“The location of the toll-gate is left to the discretion of the local board.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Is not the notification of the president to be submitted to the Government?”

Trunk roads in Malabar and South Kanara.

* 2375 Q.—Mr. J. A. SARDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to place before the House a statement showing the number of trunk roads from each of the districts of Malabar and South Kanara to over the Western Ghats with their respective mileage till the frontier of each district, how they are classified and the amount spent in the last two years on each road on the average per mile?

A.—The appended statement^a shows the trunk roads passing over the Western Ghats in the Malabar and South Kanara districts, by whom they are maintained, their mileages and the average cost of maintenance per mile of road. In addition to these trunk

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roads there are a number of second-class roads which are maintained partly from district board and partly from Government funds.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" With reference to the statement published on page 299 in the appendix to the answer to this question, will the Government explain why South Kanara should have only one trunk road while Malabar has got five trunk roads? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" That depends on the traffic of the district."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Does the hon. Minister mean that traffic in South Kanara is so little that it deserves only one trunk road while you have in the adjoining district of Malabar five roads? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I cannot help it. One trunk road serves the traffic in South Kanara what five roads serve in Malabar."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" What does he mean by saying ' I cannot help it ' ? Is it that Government cannot help it? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Minister can only speak for the Government."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Should not Government help themselves to help us (laughter) in providing us with the necessary number of trunk roads? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" But there is no traffic."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I said that there was greater traffic in Malabar, and therefore there were more trunk roads there."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Let Malabar have five. According to our representation South Kanara deserved three roads, at least two. Have Government considered this proposal? Are they going to refer it to any committee? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The authorities will consider the suggestion."

Education.

Staging of dramas in boys' and girls' schools.

* 2376.Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether dramas are included in the curricula of studies in boys' and girls' schools and whether they are actually enacted in such schools; and

(b) whether this is intended for the purpose of physical training or for any other reason?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether the boys and girls are allowed to enact dramas according to their own choice which will tell upon their morality and character (laughter)? "